

**Minutes
State Conservation Commission
Grant Round Meeting
November 15, 2012
Governors Inn, Pierre, South Dakota**

Members Present: Tom Wolles, David Fischbach, Tom Glover, Doug Hansen, Gerald Thaden and Alan Vedvei.

Absent: Aaron Kiesz, Charlie Moe and Wayne Bunge

Others Present: See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Fischbach at 8:15 AM.

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the September 17, 2012 minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve travel for SDACD Board of Directors Meeting Dec. 12, 2012 in Pierre and the Elected Officials Seminar January 22, 2013. **Motion carried.**

Revolving Loan Report

The revolving loan report was given by division staff.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Jackson County Conservation District revolving loan application in the amount of \$27,586.00 for a John Deere Drill. **Motion carried.**

Grant Program Report

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District request for a 1 year extension of grant #2011-CSW-018 (Shelterbelt Grant). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to deny Charles Mix Conservation District request for a 1 year extension because it has already been a 4 year grant and the original grant did not clarify that they wanted to cultivate tree plantings for 3 years after being planted. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Butte Conservation District request for a 1 year extension of grant #2011-CSW-002 (Belle Fourche River Watershed Groundwater Compilation Project Phase I). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Marshall County Conservation District request for a 6 month extension of grant #2012-CSW-015 (Technical Assistance). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Sanborn County Conservation District request for a 6 month extension for grant #2012-CSW-017 (75 Years of Conservation History Book). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve Jackson County Conservation District request for a 1 year extension for grant #2012-CSW-012 (Shelterbelt Establishment & Renovation Project). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to revert funds of \$37,000 for grant #2012-CSW-022 (City Park Green Spaces) as the project has been cancelled. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to revert the following funds: Hutchinson Conservation District (Wolf Creek Stream Erosion) grant #2009-CSW-029 in the amount of \$16,094.00; Bon Homme (Conservation Enhancement) grant #2010-CSW-021 in the amount of \$1,425.90; Moody Conservation District (Grazing Implementation) grant #2010-CSW-019 in the amount of \$2,688.76; Mellette Conservation District (Todd/Mellette Wind Erosion) grant #2011-CSW-005 in the amount of \$77.50; Mellette Conservation District (Pre-approved Practices) grant #2011-CSW-006 in the amount of \$1,627.55; Moody Conservation District (Resource Technician) grant #2011-CSW-013 in the amount of \$3,266.28; Day Conservation District (North East Glacial Lakes) grant #2011-CSW-016 in the amount of \$10,944.05; and Codington Conservation District (City Park Green Spaces) grant #2012-CSW-022 in the amount of \$37,000.00 for a total of \$73,124.04. **Motion Carried.**

Grant Review

Commissioners, division staff and conservation district representatives reviewed the grant applications received.

Grant Selection

A motion was made by Tom Glover seconded to hold \$150,000 back from the fall grant round available funds for the Spring grant round. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover to table the Perkins Conservation District (NW Area Tree Planting Project) grant application until the Perkins Conservation District (Resource Specialist) grant has been voted on. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District (SD Envirothon Pilot Project) grant application in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 1 year. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Brule/Buffalo Conservation District (Brule/Buffalo Project) grant application in the amount of \$29,750.00 for 2 years. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Turner Conservation District (Technician & Administrative) grant application in the amount of \$32,000.00 for 1 year. **Motion Carried.** Commission suggested that the district apply for another grant during the spring grant round to fund for another year of funding.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve Perkins Conservation District (Natural Resource Specialist) grant application in the amount of \$32,010.00 for 1 year. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to take off the table the Perkins Conservation District (NW Area Tree Planting) grant application. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Perkins Conservation District (NW Area Tree Planting) grant in the amount of \$134,477.00 for 2 years with the condition that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters and that stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks to not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Brule/Buffalo Conservation District (Missouri Coteau Water Development) grant application in the amount of \$65,000.00 for 2 years. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Jones Conservation District (SD School and Public Lands) grant application in the amount of \$17,500 for 1 year. Tom Glover made a motion to amend the motion that would let the grant start early by December 1, 2012. Gerald Thaden seconded the motion. **The amendment carried. The motion carried as amended.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve Todd Conservation District (Pond Cleanout) grant application in the amount of \$33,000.00 for 18 months. **Motion carried.** Tom Glover voted no.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve Moody Conservation District (Resource Technician) grant application in the amount of \$30,383.00 for 1 year. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to table the Day Conservation District (Prairie Water Development) grant application to no later than December 15, 2012. Reason given was to allow for a voting quorum to be present. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve Miner Conservation District (Shelterbelt grant for Miner County) grant application in the amount of \$28,967.00 for 2 years with the condition that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters and that stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Corson Conservation District (Resource Conservation Technician) grant application in the amount of \$7,000.00 for 1 year. **Motion carried.** Alan Vedvei voted no.

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Aurora Conservation District (Shelterbelts Windbreaks) grant application in the amount of \$41,730.00 for 2 years with the conditions that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the

SDDA RCF foresters and that stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the Commission. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District (Resource Technician) grant application in the amount of \$13,405.00 for 1 year. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to table the Fall River Conservation District (2012 Fall River Fire Recovery) grant application to the end of the grant selections. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gerald Thaden and seconded to approve the Todd Conservation District (Pipeline III) grant application in the amount of \$52,700 for 2 years with the conditions that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. Also require the district to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Todd and Mellette Conservation Districts. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Miner Conservation District (SD Public Awareness of Conservation) grant application in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 1 year with the condition that the district provides a report of workshop attendance and feedback. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Gregory Conservation District (Gregory County Projects) grant application in the amount of \$155,470.00 for 2 years with the condition that grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Butte Conservation District (Belle Fourche Weed Rehab Project) grant application in the amount of \$35,000.00 for 2 years. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve the Jones Conservation District (Multi-Practice Grant) grant application in the amount of \$38,500.00 for 2 years with the conditions that all tree and shrub planting plans be reviewed and approved by one of the SDDA RCF foresters. Also that stand alone farmstead/homestead windbreaks do not qualify for cost-share from the commission; grazing plans be required as part of the agreement with the landowners. The district is required to provide a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Jones and American Creek districts. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to approve the Mellette Conservation District (Rancher's Workshop) grant application in the amount of \$2,500.00 for 6 months. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to deny Gregory Conservation District (Gregory County Projects 2) grant application for lack of funds. **Motion carried.** Tom Glover abstained.

A motion was made by Tom Glover and seconded to approve Elk Creek Conservation District (Elk Creek Livestock Water) grant application in the amount of \$39,000.00 for 2 years. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Tom Glover to take from the table the Fall River Conservation District (2012 Fall River Fire Recovery) grant application. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to approve the Fall River Conservation District (2012 Fall River Fire Recovery) grant application in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 18 months with the condition that grazing plans with the landowners be required on project involving grazing or livestock water development. Also exclude the weed control portion and all fencing not related to grazing. **Motion carried.**

2013 Docket

A motion was made by Doug Hansen and seconded to accept the 2013 Docket as per staff recommendations and under Earthwork change the excavation rate per hour charge from \$125 per hour to \$175 per hour. **Motion carried.**

2013 Goals and Objectives

A motion was made by Tom Wolles and seconded to accept the proposed changes plus Goal 1 a. change the baseline from \$450,000 to \$500,000. Goal # 3 a. delete line a. (Promote the 75th anniversary of the conservation district law in 2012.) **Motion carried.**

Coordinated Plan Draft Report

A motion was made by Alan Vedvei and seconded to accept the plan with changes to the plan as recommended by the division staff. **Motion carried.**

The Commissioners gave their reports.

Advisory Member reports were given by DENR, GFP, USFWS, and SDACD.

The division staff gave the Division report.

Next Meeting: A special meeting will be set up for December.

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM

Marjorie Gregg
Recording Secretary